

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

CE-1196

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 6-132

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Ewing-Kilby Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

833 Firetower Road

CITY, TOWN

Colora

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

John H. Kilby Kilby Inc.

Telephone #: 658-6080

STREET &amp; NUMBER

833 Firetower Road

CITY, TOWN

Colora

☒ VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21917

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 254

Folio #: 600

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

—EXCELLENT  
☒GOOD  
 —FAIR

—DETERIORATED  
 —RUINS  
 —UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

—UNALTERED  
 —ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

—ORIGINAL SITE  
 —MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Ewing-Kilby Farmhouse c. <sup>1820-1830</sup>~~1830-1840~~ is a 2½ story five bay by one room center hall flemish bond brick ell plan house on Firetower Road and southeast of Colora. The house faces east with the primary gable running north/south.

The brick pile rests on a fieldstone foundation and is covered by a medium sloped slate roof. The brick has been painted on the east side and mortar lines painted in white but the flemish bond brick pattern was not followed and instead a stretcher bond pattern was followed. The sides and back of the house are laid with a five course common bond. A later two story one bay by one room brick kitchen was attached to the west gable end of the main block.

The main (east) facade is five bays across with a central entrance that has paneled reveals and transom light with radiating muntins. The door consists of six horizontal panels. The first floor 2/4(?) sash windows reach from the floor to the ceiling and have a half round surround trim. The second floor 6/6 sash windows are symmetrically tied to the first floor openings. Two gabled dormers with 6/6 segmental arched sash windows light the attic. A shed roofed porch with tuscan support columns covers the entire first floor of the house.

The north gable end is a plain brick wall with two four pane lights that flank the interior end brick stack.

Plain bargeboard protects the gable end. A small boxed cornice stretches around the entire house.

The south side is six bays across and the basement is exposed a bit more since the house is on a slight southward slope. Six 6 pane windows light the cellar and are placed directly under the first and second floor 6/6 sash windows. A side entrance with gabled porch occupies the fifth bay from the east and is supported by square piers. A simple balustrade with horizontal rails stretches between wall and front posts. The south roof slope has two gabled dormers with 6/6 segmental arched sash. A large square chimney pile rises out of the main block.

The west gable end of the main ell house is partially covered by the two story kitchen addition. Two four pane attic lights flank the interior end brick chimney stack. The kitchen wing has a six over six sash on each floor and two six pane basement lights. An interior brick stack rises out of its gable end. A single four pane light flanks the chimney. The first floor and exposed basement is covered by a weatherboard frame shed addition with 6/6 sash and basement door and adjacent six pane window.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

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The inside corner of the ell main block has a 2½ story single bay by one room contemporary brick section which has a gabled roof that is parallel with the main front roof. A single story frame shed porch covers the first floor of the kitchen ell. The window and door treatment is the same as the main house.

The first floor interior consists of a central front hall. The slender swollen newel post supports an oval handrail that rises to the third floor. The handrail rises sharply before each support post. Two rectangular stick balusters support the handrail from each tread. The stringer is decorated with a comma shaped scroll below each tread. Early to mid 19th century fluted door surrounds with corner blocks frame paneled doors that have ogee molded insets around each panel. The north parlor mantel has been replaced with an elaborate early 20th century decorative mantel complete with mirrored overmantel. Semi-detached mahogany columns reach from floor to cornice. A heavy mantel shelf divide the overmantel and fireplace opening which is faced with a greenish tile. The south room of the front block has remained. It has semi-detached columns which support a projecting frieze which has a hinged front and falls to expose a partitioned display case. Paneled closets allow storage space in the sides of the chimney breasts. Chair rail stretches around both this room and the room to the west.

The main kitchen has been partially remodeled to include modern kitchen facilities. A large cooking fireplace with wooden lintel occupies the west wall. A second kitchen is found in the room to the west with beaded board interior partitions. And a door to the winder stair to the second floor.

The second floor was not seen at time of survey.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
REHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

John S. Ewing was the son of Amos Ewing Jr., <sup>Amos</sup> who willed his property to his two sons, Ambrose and John. Ambrose received the neighboring mill property.

The ell plan brick house with center hall front block is a form that dates to the 18th century but was more widely used in the 19th century. The Ewing Family was one of prominence near Colora, which is evident from their substantial house and land holdings. The brick farmhouse is a substantial architectural survivor from the early to mid 19th century since it retains its basic 19th century form, character and interior details.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee MHT

DATE

5/12/80

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

398-0200 ext. 150

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Tables of Courses & distances of  
1860-61

Lot 4.02. Beginning at the black letter

B, on the plate, then by the several black

Membr. 2. Lines

1	$58^{\circ}42'0''$	$11^{\circ}$	243
2	$59^{\circ}23'0''$	$8^{\circ}$	17
3	$59^{\circ}18'0''$	$41^{\circ}$	$10^{\circ}$
4	$59^{\circ}04'0''$	$5^{\circ}$	66
5	$59^{\circ}13'0''$	$11^{\circ}$	$31^{\circ}34'$
6	$59^{\circ}44'0''$	$11^{\circ}$	$92^{\circ}42'$
7	$58^{\circ}1^{\circ}0''$	$3^{\circ}$	16
8	$59^{\circ}60'0''$	$5^{\circ}$	10
9	$59^{\circ}57'0''$	$5^{\circ}$	10
10	$59^{\circ}47'0''$	$5^{\circ}$	20
11	$59^{\circ}40'0''$	$5^{\circ}$	29
12	$59^{\circ}69'0''$	$5^{\circ}$	$10^{\circ}42'$
13	$59^{\circ}47^{\circ}12'$	$5^{\circ}$	25
14	$59^{\circ}42^{\circ}12'$	$5^{\circ}$	55
15	$58^{\circ}54'0''$	$5^{\circ}$	$92^{\circ}$
16	$58^{\circ}30'0''$	$5^{\circ}$	4
17	$57^{\circ}16'0''$	$5^{\circ}$	$28^{\circ}4'$

to the black letter C, then by  
the black dotted line (drawn)

18th July 1881

the place of beginning, containing

and laid out for  
\$2000

270. 2<sup>nd</sup>. more or less

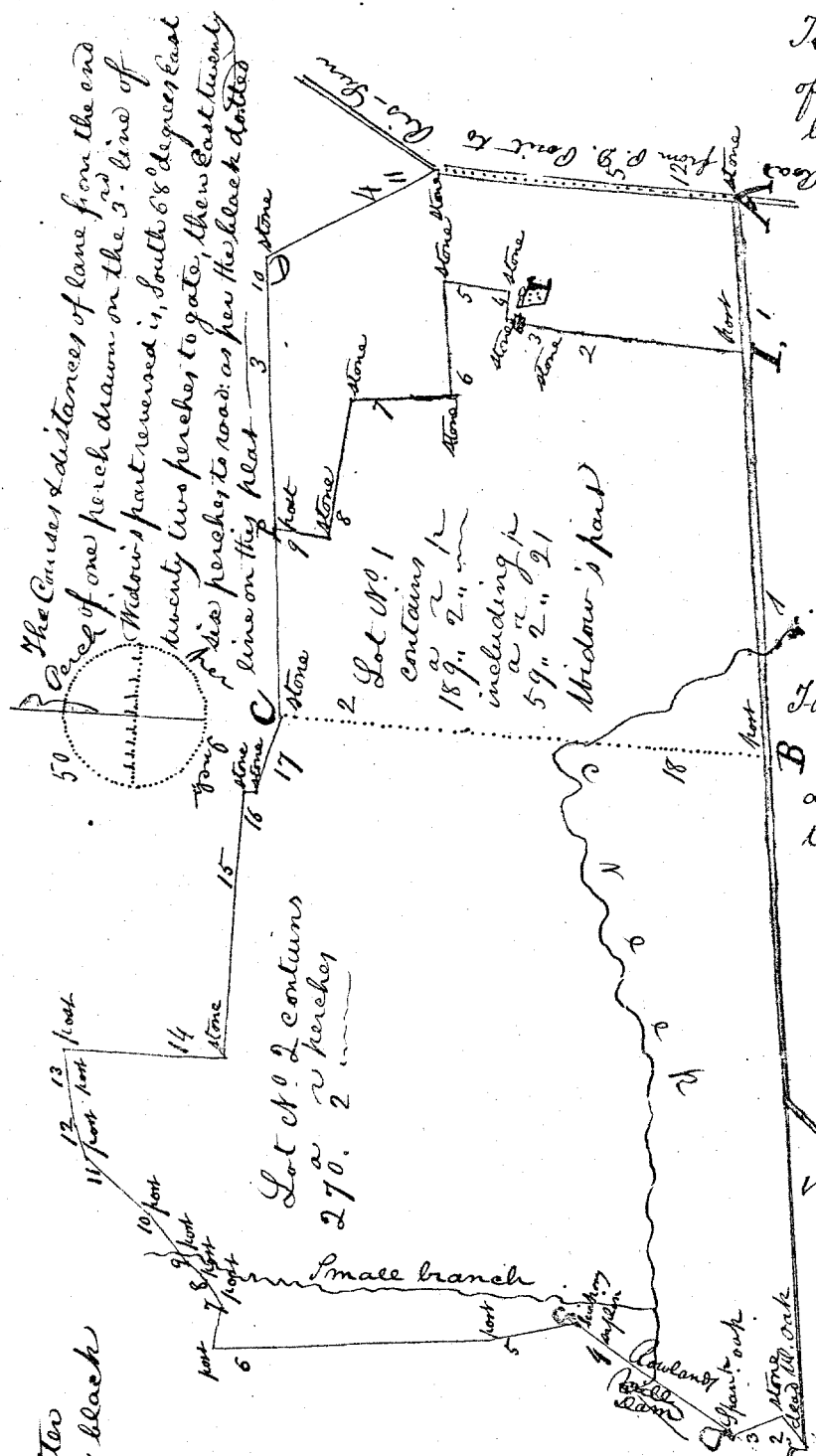


Table of Courses and distances  
of Lot 4<sup>th</sup> 1. Beginning at the  
black letter A, included

widow's part  
 1 S  $84\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W 189 to B  
 2 N  $1^{\circ}$  E 166 to C  
 3 N  $85\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E 159 to D  
 4 S  $31^{\circ}$  E 65  $\frac{1}{4}$  to road  
 5 by a straight line drawn  
 S  $4\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W 103  $\frac{1}{2}$  perches to  
 the place of beginning, con-  
 -taining and now laid out for  
 a ~ perches  
 189. 2 ~ ~  
 including widow's part

Table of Courses and distances  
of Widow's third part. Beginning  
at the black letter A, then by  
the follow? &c. red numbered lines

1	S 84 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° N	47 $\frac{1}{2}$ to T
2	at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° E	65
3	at 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ° E	20
4	S 82° E	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
5	at 6° E	22
6	S 85° W	40
7	at 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ ° W	33 $\frac{1}{2}$
8	at 84 $\frac{1}{4}$ ° E	48
9	at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° E	18 P
10	at 85 $\frac{3}{4}$ ° E	92 D
11	S 31° E	65 $\frac{1}{4}$
12	then by a straight line drawn S 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W 103 $\frac{1}{2}$ to the beginning contain <sup>d</sup> . 59 acres 2 roods & 21 perches more or less	

Maryland Cecil County to wit:

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This is to certify that, at the request of Messrs. Thomas William, Thomas Pattain, Robert Evans (of Jas) David Pattain and Jesse Sidwell gentlemen, Commissioners appointed by the Honorable the Judges of Cecil County Court at April Term 1820 to value and divide the real estate of etmos Ewing late of said County dec<sup>d</sup>. among<sup>d</sup> the heirs and legal representatives of said deceased. I have on the second day of August A. D. 1820 by the direction and in the presence of the said Commissioners carefully resurveyed and laid out the real estate of said deceased, and have also laid out and marked on the Plot the different divisions of said deceased real estate, being a tract of land called and known by the name of "Mount Pleasant" which said tract is divided into two tracts or lots viz. Lot N<sup>o</sup> 1 & Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2. Beginning for Lot N<sup>o</sup> 1 at a stone in a lane the place of beginning for the whole tract, and from thence running South eighty four degrees and a half West one hundred and eighty nine perches to a post set on the first line of the whole tract, and described on the Plot by the black letter B. then by the black dotted line North one degree East one hundred and sixty six perches to a stone at the end of the seventeenth line of the whole tract, then North eighty five degrees and three quarters East one hundred and fifty nine perches to a stone, described on the Plot as a corner of William Nickles land then South thirty one degrees East sixty five perches and a half to a stone in the great road leading from P. Lee. Post to the Rising Sun, then by a straight line drawn South four degrees and a half West one hundred and three perches and a half perch to the place of beginning containing 189 Acres 2 Roods and square perches of land including the Widow's Lower which contains fifty nine Acres two Roods and twenty one square perches, as surveyed and laid down by the following courses and distances, Beginning at the aforesaid beginning as described on the Plot by the large black letter A, and from thence running South eighty four degrees and a half West forty seven perches and a half to a post as designated on the Plot by the black letter I, then North five degrees and a half East sixty five perches, North ten degrees and three quarters East twenty perches (through the barn) then South eighty two degrees East nine and a half perches North six degrees East twenty two perches, South eighty five degrees West forty perches North four degrees and three quarters West thirty three and a half perches North eighty four degrees and a quarter West forty eight perches, North three degrees and a half East eighteen perches to the end of sixty seven perches on (the)

118. the 18<sup>th</sup> line of the original tract, and described on the Plat by the black letter P, then by and with that line North eighty five degrees and three quarters East ninety two perches to the black letter D, then South thirty one degrees East sixty five and a half perches to a stone in the road described on the Plat, then by a line drawn South four degrees and a half West one hundred and three and a half perches to the beginning. Beginning for Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2 at a post set in the ground at the end of one hundred and eighty nine perches upon the first line of the whole tract then with that same line continued South eighty four degrees and a half West two hundred and forty three perches to a dead white oak, then North twenty three degrees East seventeen perches to a stone, North eighteen and a half degrees West ten and a quarter perches to a Spanish Oak, North thirty four degrees East sixty six perches to a hickory North thirteen degrees thirty one perches and three quarters, North four degrees West ninety two perches and a half South eighty one degrees East sixteen perches North sixty degrees East ten perches, North fifty one degrees East ten perches, North forty seven degrees East twenty perches, North forty degrees East twenty nine perches, North sixty nine degrees East ten perches and a half, North seventy seven degrees and a half East twenty five perches, South two and a half degrees West fifty five perches, South eighty eight degrees and forty minutes East ninety two perches South three degrees East four perches to a heap of stones South seventy six degrees East twenty eight and a quarter perches to a stone at the end of the second line of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 1 and described on the Plat by the black letter C, then by the black dotted line straight to the beginning containing 270 acres two rods and one square perches of land more or less - as per reference to the annexed plat and Table of courses and distances will fully and at large appear.

Certified by  
 Evan Chandler

Whereupon the return of the Commissioners aforesaid being read and considered, and mature deliberation thereupon had, it is considered by the Court here, that the judgment of the Commissioners and return aforesaid, be confirmed; it is also considered by the Court here that Samuel Ewing the eldest son of the said Moses Ewing dec<sup>d</sup>. may elect to take the said land at the valuation, and pay to the other representatives their just proportion of the valuation thereof in money. And thereupon the said Samuel Ewing, present here in Court, elects to take ~~Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2~~ as laid off by the Commissioners at the valuation aforesaid, &c. and files in Court here his Bonds to the several representatives for (their)



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660 000 FEET  
(MD.)



RISING SUN MATH



EWING - KILBY farm

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EAST ELEVATION

10/80 PBT

NEG./MO. HIST TRUST



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EWING-KIRBY FARM

EAST ELEV.

NR WEST NOTTINGHAM

3/79 PBT

NEG. / M.D. HIST TRUST



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Ewing-Kilby Farm

NA COLORADO

NORTH ELEV.

1/80 PIST

WEG / MB. HIST TRUST





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Ewing-Kiloy Farm

NR COLORA

WEST ELEVATION

1/80 POST

WELL / NR WEST TRUST



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~~Ewing - Kilby Farm~~

~~SOUTH ELEV.~~

~~NE CORNER~~

~~1/80 P.B.~~

~~NE 1/4 MD. HIST. TRUST~~

~~1223~~

~~Patten Brachy House~~

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~~1223~~

~~Patten - Bruchy House~~

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